

CITY OF MENASHA
Special Joint Common Council
Plan Commission
Water and Light Commission
Third Floor Council Chambers
140 Main Street, Menasha
February 27, 2014
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Merkes for Common Council and Plan Commission, Comm. Allwardt for Water and Light Commission at 5:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

PRESENT: Aldermen Nichols, Taylor, Sevenich, Langdon, Keehan, Zelinski, Englebert, Plan Commissioners DeCoster, Cruickshank, Sturm, Radtke, Merkes, Zelinski
Water and Light Commissioners Allwardt, Kordus, Merkes, Roush, Zelinski

EXCUSED: Alderman/Plan Commissioner Benner

ALSO PRESENT: CA/HRD Captain, CDD Keil, MUGM Krause, Clerk Galeazzi, Will Stone and Mark Carlson (Aeris Energy, LLC), Jonathan Smith and Christine Sohns (Simply Incredible Foods, LLC).

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(five (5) minutes time limit for each person)

No one spoke.

D. DISCUSSION

1. Responses to Request for Proposals for 198 River Street Power Plant (Steam Plant).

MUGM Krause gave a brief summary of the six Request for Proposals received. A seventh company has showed interest, but did not submit a RFP.

Will Stone CEO of Aeris Energy, LLC explained their interest in the property.

Jonathan Smith, PhD, President of Simply Incredible Foods, LLC gave a brief history of their business and the intended use of the building.

Larry Burkhardt, Fox Cities Regional Partnership, explained the potential economic impact of Simply Incredible Foods Inc. moving to Menasha.

General discussion ensued on timeline to reuse building for food processing facility, what parts of the building will be used, noise, odor and traffic issues.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Recommendation from Plan Commission concerning disposition of 198 River Street.

Moved by Comm. Zelinski, seconded by Comm. Cruickshank to recommend to Common Council there is no use for the building at 198 River Street for City purposes and should look at other uses of the building.

Motion carried on roll call 6-0

2. Recommendation from Utility Commission concerning disposition of 198 River Street.

Moved by Comm. Roush, seconded by Comm. Kordus to recommend to Common Council that Menasha Utilities has no use or need for the facility at 198 River Street.
Motion carried on roll call 5-0.

3. Consideration of staff recommendation on sale and reuse of 198 River Street.

Moved by Ald. Zelinski, seconded by Ald. Englebert to direct staff to work with Aeries Energy, LLC and Simply Incredible Food, LLC to negotiate a sale contract to bring back to Common Council.
Motion carried on roll call 7-0.

4. Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute §19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Offer to Purchase)

No action required.

5. Reconvene into Open Session to act on items discussed in Closed Session.

No action required.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Comm. Zelinski, seconded by Comm. Sturm to adjourn Plan Commission at 6:40 p.m.

Motion carried on voice vote.

Moved by Comm. Zelinski, seconded by Comm. Roush to adjourn Water and Light Commission at 6:40 p.m.

Motion carried on voice vote.

Moved by Ald. Zelinski, seconded by Ald. Sevenich to adjourn Common Council at 6:40 p.m.

Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah A. Galeazzi, WCMC, City Clerk